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RUSSELL SAYS BIG VIET NEED IS STABLE RULE

Can't Win Otherwise, Senators Warned

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Washington, Jan. 11 — Sen. Richard B. Russell [D., Ga.] said today that the war against the Communists in Viet Nam cannot be won until a stable government is established in that country. He added that no one can say how a stable government can be established.

Russell, chairman of the armed services committee and the appropriations subcommittee on defense, aired his views on Viet Nam and communist power after Senate members of those committees received a briefing lasting three hours from John A. McCone, director of the central intelligence agency.

Fears "Endless Repetition"

The chairman said some changes have to be made in what is going on in Viet Nam, and that the basic need is for a government the people can respect and support.

"The miracle to me is that they have carried on as well as they have with the changing chair government they have," Russell said. "There is very little hope of establishing peace and order in Viet Nam until there is a stable government. If we don't get that we are in for an endless repetition of what has been going on."

Sen. Karl E. Mundt [R., S. D.] said the need is for an authoritative government that is sound and broadly based and has the will to win. He asserted the United States tends to emphasize too much the development of a democratic government patterned on that of the United States.

Needs Will to Win

The first step, he said, is to get a government with the will to win the war against the Communists and then move along to a government modeled as closely as possible on democratic processes.

The briefing, which opened the committees' annual review of the nation's defense posture, did not deal solely with Viet Nam, Russell said.

The Georgian said that nothing he heard would lead him to say that "we can let down or diminish our military efforts one iota." There is nothing to indicate, he said, that Russia or the communist complex is weakening in its military efforts.

"U. S. Greatest Power"

The Russians possess some sophisticated weapons, Russell said, and are putting great emphasis on research and development, but the United States is still the greatest military power on earth. The problem, he added, is to keep it that way.

Russell said he is not happy about the reduction in the number of our bombers, and would feel much better if the government had not stopped development of a super bomber.

The Russians, he said, have improved their defenses against bombers but there are some functions that a bomber can perform that a missile cannot.

"Techniques Unsatisfactory"

The senator said that he also is concerned about development of an anti-missile missile and techniques for detecting enemy submarines. He said he is not satisfied with what has been done in the latter category.

Russell said he thinks that the CIA is doing a creditable intelligence job, and that Maxwell Taylor, ambassador to Viet Nam, is doing a good job, altho he said, some state department people criticize him for speaking harshly and bluntly to the Vietnamese.